

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing you in regards to the Downed Animal Protection Act, Docket # 98P-0151/CP1. I am concerned about the current situation with meat processing procedures. I learned about "downed" animals, animals that are injured previous to being processed, in my English class. I am aware that when the flesh of an animal is torn, bacteria can infect the animal, particularly if it is riding in a cattle car surrounded by excretions. The meat that I eat from these animals will also contain bacteria. The Food and Drug Act of 1906 was supposed to stop the processing of downed animals, but studies I have read report many downed animals get through inspection.

Thank you,

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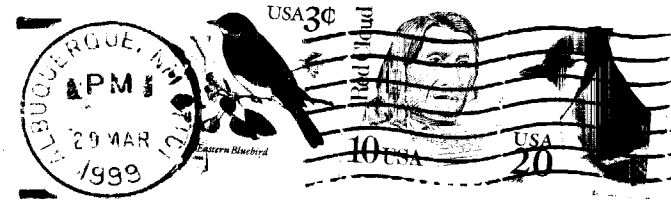
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